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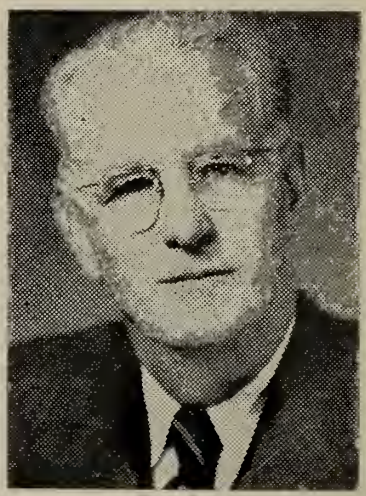
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AN APPRECIATION

Last September the Staff of the London Normal School bade farewell to two of its most valued members. They were Miss Louise Gahan and Dr. George Hofferd. Both had been connected with this institution for twenty-five years or more and during that time had rendered valuable service in their departments and much-needed assistance beyond, to which thousands of students in this part of the Province could testify. Besides the arduous duties of a librarian, Miss Gahan always seemed to find time to assist needy students in the preparation of their weekly assignments and to guide inexperienced executives in the planning of Literary Society programmes. Dr. Hofferd, although head of a department that took him far beyond the normal school day yet he, too, was always willing to aid in these extra-curricular activities. For years, almost single-handed, he guided the destiny of the Normal School Year Book and much of the past success of this publication has been due to his untiring efforts. But both Miss Gahan and Dr. Hofferd have been of value in other ways. Being gifted with a genial personality and a fine sense of humour, they have contributed much to the harmony and goodwill that has for years characterized the Staff of this school. Their wise counsel, also, in the periodic deliberations of this Staff was always attentively heard and very frequently heeded.

Our very best wishes go with them. May they long enjoy the fruits of their labour.

J. G. McEACHERN.



THE HONOURABLE GEORGE A. DREW
Premier of Ontario
Minister of Education

Those of you who graduate this year will be entering the most important part of our educational system at one of the most challenging periods of our own and the world's history. In the elementary schools our children are given much of their most important education in their most impressionable years.

We want our children to be well educated in the academic sense but even more important than academic attainment is the good judgment, goodwill, good health and good spirit which will make them healthy, happy and successful citizens of this great country. In their hands, to a very great degree, will rest the future of our country in the years ahead. Yours is the great responsibility and the great opportunity to build clean young bodies and clean young minds worthy of that all-important task. I wish every one of you the utmost success and happiness in your work ahead.

GEORGE A. DREW,
Minister of Education.



C. E. MARK, B.A., D.Paed., Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1947

We are continually assailed in these days with calls for a "New Education" to meet the needs of a "Modern World". Herein lies a pitfall besetting the path of the young teacher. To him the implication may quite pardonably be that the old education has miserably failed and should be replaced by a new philosophy, a new content, and new methods. To him it might seem that whatever in our present world is worth while has become so in spite of the old teachings rather than because of them.

My message to this class is to beware of the fallacies inherent in such an implication. It would be equally logical to say that because Christianity has failed to completely redeem the world we are therefore in need of a new Christianity. We may not have made the most of the principles and practices of the education that has come down to us. This scarcely justifies us in renouncing it and in calling for something different.

First, before becoming a victim of the many new "isms" that are being thrust upon us, let us examine what a heritage the educators of the past have bequeathed us. The Great Teacher laid down a fundamental principle in His advocacy of the love of children. Rousseau warned us against the corrupt artificial conventions of society. Froebel stressed the understanding of child nature. Pestalozzi elaborated the value of the practical side. Dewey emphasized the purposeful element in learning. Many have demonstrated the desirability of harnessing up the natural tendencies. Others have brought the social aspect to the forefront. Still others have led us to take into account individual differences and the importance of a well-balanced development for each.

Let us make sure we have assimilated what present-day education has to commend it and perhaps herein we may find the leaven which may ultimately permeate the whole.

The present system may admit of some pruning and grafting processes, but it is doubtful if it requires an uprooting.

—C. E. MARK.

Our Masters



J. G. McEACHERN, B.A., B.Paed.



R. H. ROBERTS, M.A.

Since "Knowledge comes but Wisdom lingers," it is well to seek diligently after knowledge but, above all, gain understanding.

—J. G. McEACHERN,

Every one, taken at his best, will be found good for something.—Dean Inge.

—R. H. ROBERTS.



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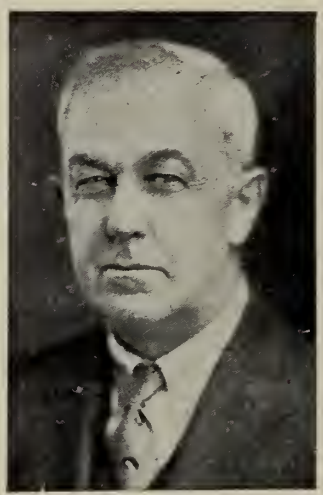
The world would be a better and a brighter place to live in if our teachers would radiate happiness in the daily tasks which confront them. They ought to be as cheerful as they can because to be happy themselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.

—C. P. O'NEILL.

Our Instructors



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Art is interpreting nature, not copying her.

—DOROTHY EMERY.

We exist in the very active present. The reverence, the successes—material and spiritual—that have come out of the past. We believe that our success in the future depends on our action now. We see more hope for the future through the fusing of thought with action than through their divorce.

—ANDREW F. HAGERMAN.

If you want to know what a boy is, watch his play. If you are concerned as to what he will become, direct his play.

—WINIFRED R. PRENDERGAST.

To the Class of '47:

"All experience is an arch where through
Gleams that untravelled world whose margin fades
Forever and forever when I move."

I am sure as you face your problems next year squarely and honestly you will grow and strengthen with each new encounter and we shall be proud to claim Class '47 of the London Normal School.

—G. E. CONOVER.

If, like the child in the progressive school, you have said, "There are times when I really begin to wonder if all this is worth while," let me assure you that it is. The knowledge, self-reliance and poise which you have gained this year will enable you to look forward with anticipation to the first and succeeding days in your own classroom.

My wish for you is that you may find the happiness and satisfaction in your first year's teaching that I have found in working with you this year.

—L. MOISLEY.

"It's the songs you sing
And the smiles you wear
That make life's sunshine everywhere."

—RHENA McILROY.

We extend our thanks to Mrs. Judd, who bestowed many kind favours on the students throughout the year.

—THE EDITORS.

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Editorial

A culmination of the Editor's duty is the few words of wisdom customarily placed under the title "The Editorial". Depending on the Editor's temperament, these words offer either good advice or pleasant nostalgia.

Following, then, the traditional pattern, let us state that we are sorry to see the year come to a close. It has contained a good many trials and tribulations, laughter and gaiety and, above all, friendships.

Having disposed of sentiment, we must dispense some good advice. Appreciate the opportunity this profession offers for doing good. The scope of teaching is limitless, provided we make every effort to enlarge it. Accept all help that is offered by school nurse and psychologists, weigh and consider all new steps suggested by educational authorities and use heart as well as head in teaching.

—THE EDITORS.

Our Instructors in Religion

It is my honour to represent the Ministers who are teachers of Religious Knowledge at the London Normal School in expressing our sincere good wishes to all of our students as they become graduates and embark upon their careers as teachers in the schools of this Province.

No secular calling should be more exalted than that of the School Teacher. By him the foundations of our society are laid and maintained. It is his privilege to help to mould the minds of future citizens in the most impressive and formative years of their development. No longer is he the teacher of just academic subjects, but the modern school teacher is a guide to the unfolding of a way of life.

The responsibility of the teacher is great and his own training and devotion must be equal to his high task. That is why, in saying "Best Wishes" to the Class of '47, that the teachers of Religious Knowledge at London Normal School commend each graduate to the example, the care and the blessing of the greatest of all teachers—our Lord.

REV. HAROLD U. TRINIER,
President,
London Council of Churches.

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Our Weiner Roast

On the evening of October 10, 1946, the newly-formed Lunch Club played hosts to the student body at a wiener roast in Gibbons' Park. To the uninitiated outside-of-Londoners, this park was an unexplored wilderness. It is somewhat doubtful whether the evening's experience did much to clear up this mystery. However, with the able assistance of the Richmond Bus Service and the invaluable—if a trifle vague—directions of John Abraham, who was policeman at the Grosvenor-Richmond intersection, the majority of our school population were safely conducted with an occasional flashlight to the bottom of the hill, where a cheerful fire (thanks to Bruce Georgeoff and C. W. Roberts) greeted them. By 8 o'clock, undaunted by some threatening raindrops, merry voices could be heard raised in loud, if not so musical, song. Throughout the evening, from "Noah's Ark" to "Till We Meet Again," gaiety prevailed. A plentiful supply of hot dogs, apples and cokes seemed to satisfy the ravenous appetites on display. By 10.30 the boisterous crowd had subsided and were dispersing in various directions to wend their ways homeward.

—JEAN STOTHERS,
Form IV.

Normal Has A Play Day

On Friday afternoon of September 20 the students realized that at Normal we work while we work and play while we play. Miss Prendergast arranged a play-day for us and divided the student body into six groups with a director for each group. Names were pinned on and the Bears, Lions, Tigers, etc., followed the captains to the school grounds. Here, at the sound of the whistle, each team began playing at one of the following games: throwing the bean bags, numbers run, dodge ball, snatch the handkerchief, hopscotch and baseball croquet. At the sound of the whistle the teams moved to another game until the full round had been completed.

The boys then played an exhibition game of soccer and the play day which was designed to promote goodwill more than fulfilled its purpose.

—ELSIE DE SMET,
Form II.

The Hallowe'en Party

On Thursday evening, October 31, the students held their annual Hallowe'en Party. The officers of the Literary Society were in charge of the evening's entertainment, which consisted of an informal dancing party.

The music room and lower hall were gaily decorated with orange and black streamers, pumpkins, witches and cornstalks, suitable for the occasion.

Music for the dance was supplied by records. Eugene Saunders, aided by Bill Townshend, was the able Master of Ceremonies.

Many girls were in costume. There was a "Miss McGinty," who immediately claimed the attention of Mr. Roberts, several girls in period and peasant costumes and one in Scottish dress, to mention only a few.

The boys, although not as well represented as the girls, produced a clown (and what a clown!) and a Chinaman. Some of the Huron College guests came pyjama-clad and bedecked with odds and ends from the scrap heap.

Since it was not possible for all the students to obtain costumes, the committee in charge decided upon an alternative mode of dress. All boys not in costume wore sweaters and bow ties. Girls not in costume wore skirts, blouses and men's ties and wore their hair in the "up-sweep" style. The results were quaint to say the least.

The members of the Staff were present and after having started the dance off in an enthusiastic but crowded Grand March, soon retired to the Library for a quiet game of cards.

During the dance refreshments, consisting of doughnuts and sweet (?) cider, were served in relays, one form at a time with their guests. By taking a partner from a different form each time some of the students did very well for themselves in the way of refreshments.

Near the close of the evening a tottering "old lady" of unbelievable proportions provided a laugh for the guests. This "old lady" got into a little trouble by trying to enter the boys' rest-room. "Her" mistake was immediately corrected by a couple of indignant young gentlemen, who forcibly escorted "her" to the proper place, much to the amusement of the girls.

The party reluctantly broke up shortly after 11.30 p.m., enabling the guests to catch the very last buses home. All agreed that the party was a great success.

—DONALD BELL,
Form I.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

A number of the Normal School students became affiliated with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Society during the year. Meetings were held every second Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hill, Wortley Road, to whom the group are deeply indebted for their kind hospitality.

The students engaged in and enjoyed stimulating Bible discussions, Scripture readings and hymn singing. Several guest speakers delivered valuable messages to the group.

The Normal School is gratefully indebted to Mr. Hill, a member of the Christian Business Men of London, Ontario, who was responsible for the presentation in the school of the moving picture, "God of Creation."

—BETTY ALLINGHAM,
Form II.

Our Trip to Hamilton

The large bus drew away from the curb and proceeded up Wortley Road. At Dundas the driver swung right and we rolled along through uptown London and were soon out on the broad highway.

The bus was crowded with students and staff members, who were glad of a respite from learning and teaching. The students showed their happiness by singing all the way from London to Hamilton, although not in four-part harmony.

Having arrived at our destination before schedule, everyone got out and strolled through Hamilton's beautiful rock gardens. Then we proceeded to Hamilton Normal School, where the basketball games soon got under way.

In the girls' game there was little or no bloodshed. The London girls led Hamilton all the way, winning easily by a good margin.

The boys' game, however, was a trifle rough. After about two minutes of play, our captain, Dave Nixon, retired, blood streaming from a deep gash in his chin. Bill Townshend, our capable left-guard, in the thick of the fight all the time, was soon cut and bleeding in several places. Yours truly "escaped" with a sprained ankle. Don McAuley (160 pounds of dynamite), a versatile athlete, was in his usual fine form.

London fought bravely but could not gain the lead. Dave Nixon, with five stitches in his chin, returned to the game for a last-ditch stand. It was all to no avail for London went down fighting—beaten by three baskets.

After we had dined at one or the other of the local restaurants we were entertained by the members of the Hamilton Normal School. The programme was varied and educational. It opened with a delightful play, which was very well acted. There followed Scotch reels and movies on pottery and art. Last, but not least, came the Glee Club, conducted by Miss McIlroy, and they sang a number of beautiful selections.

About 11 o'clock that night we bade farewell to Hamilton and roared off into the night towards London.

—D. J. BRANCH,
Form I.

The Inter-Normal Meet

March 21 was a red letter day for the students of London Normal School, when we were honoured by a visit from Hamilton Normal School.

Team spirit ran high in the afternoon, which featured a volleyball game and two basketball games, and was climaxed by three victories for the home team.

A delicious supper was served to the staffs and teams of both Normal Schools in the appropriately decorated sewing room. Members of each team acted as hosts or hostesses to our guests.

Following the supper, a programme was presented in the auditorium. Our Hamilton guests, critic teachers, ministers, and families and friends of the students formed an appreciative audience. The varied programme consisted of a puppet show, a vocal duet, a musical skit, a sword dance, and a piano quartet. Concluding and highlighting the programme, the London Normal School Glee Club, conducted by one of our fellow-students, Margaret Van Tilborg, presented a number of selections.

At the conclusion of the auditorium entertainment there was square dancing in the gymnasium and round dancing in the music room.

Everyone realized that the success of the day was due not only to those in the spotlight but also to those who worked behind the scenes.

—ETHEL KING,
IRLMA CAMPBELL,
MARION MILLER.

Visit to the Royal Ontario Museum

A tradition at London Normal School is an annual visit to Toronto to look over the Royal Ontario Museum, the Parliament Buildings, the University of Toronto and the Toronto Art Gallery.

The visit this year was arranged for December the sixth. We left London on the early morning train. Arriving at Toronto, we were whisked by taxies and street cars to the Royal Ontario Museum. Here we were broken up into small groups, each group under the personal direction of a member of the Museum staff. We saw the material progress of man from the primitive life of the Indian to present-day civilization.

At noon we went across Queen's Park to the East Building of the Parliament Buildings. We had lunch in the Cafeteria and went through the tunnel to the main building. A guide showed us the interesting and historical features of the Legislative Chamber where our Provincial Law Makers gather.

Late in the afternoon we were hurried to the Art Gallery and under expert guidance saw the permanent collection of paintings and sculptures.

There was still time left to visit the stores and see the sights of the big city. Many of the students decided to stay the week-end and see for the first time the Maple Leafs in action on their home rink at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

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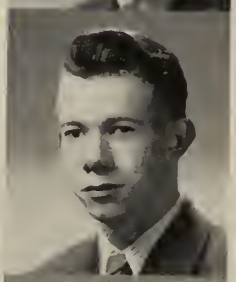
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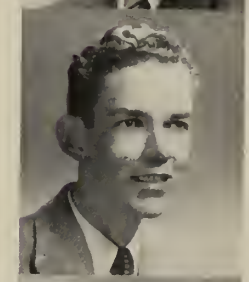
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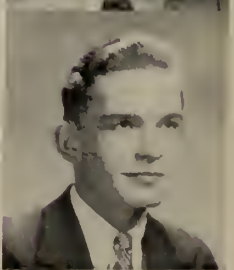
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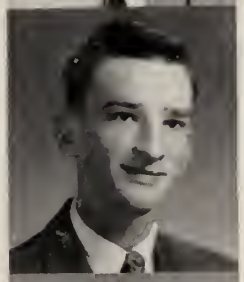
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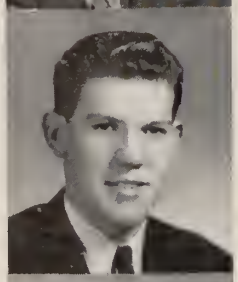
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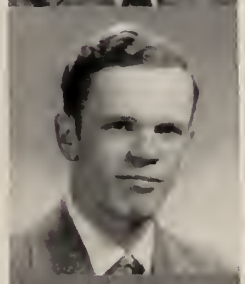
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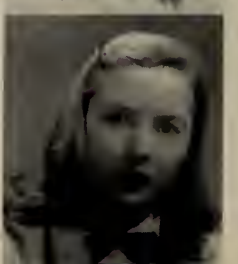
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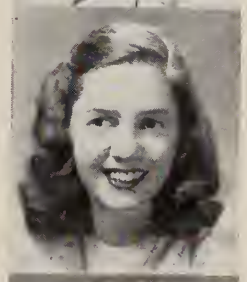
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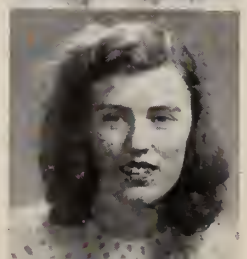
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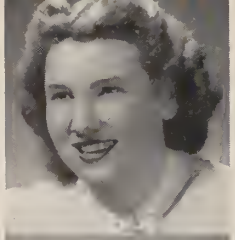
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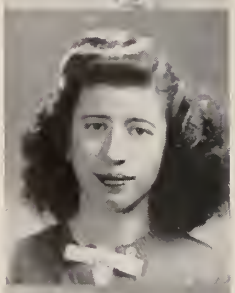
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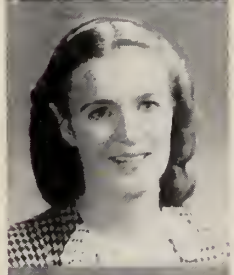
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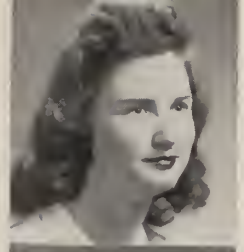
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Our House Staff

There are few of us who have not at one time or another been aided in a search for concrete material by Mrs. Joyce or Mrs. Claire. These ladies have been in the employ of the Normal School for many years and to them the school holds no secrets. Whether it is a search in the attic for concrete material, backdrops for the literary productions or anything you wish to mention, they are ready and willing to aid in the search.

Mr. Strausser first displayed his interest in the students last fall by his help in the identification of leaves during the frantic rush for our collection. Mr. Ryckman has returned many evenings to keep the school warm for extra-curricular events.

On behalf of the students we would like to extend our thanks to each and every one of these people.

—THE EDITORS.

EDITORS' NOTE

We, the editors, wish to extend our sincere thanks to Pat Townshend, who designed the attractive cover of our Year Book.


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Poetry

Normal School Song

(With apologies to the tune of "It Comes Noturolly")

Here we are at Normal School
With hardly any learning,
Still we're happy as can be
As any fool can plainly see.

Life was dull before we came,
With Trig. and French and Latin,
Now we're sure to spend our time
Acting out a nursery rhyme.

We learn everything from A to Z,
Including how to read in the Primary;
It all seems silly but we have got to learn
Because our living we've got to earn—
That's necessity.

Our parents call us children,
But what a change they'll see
When we come home at Christmas
Filled with psychology.

Our masters keep our evenings filled
With plans and projects plenty.
This is the end of our little rhyme
'Cause we're running out time.

—JEAN LITTLE,
DONNA LAMONT,
SHIRLEY HAWKINS,
NOLA KRUEGER.

Over and Over Again

Over and over again,
No matter which way I turn,
I always find in the Book of Life
Some lesson that I must learn.

I must take my turn at the mill,
I must grind out the golden grain,
I must work at my task with a resolute will
Over and over again.

—M. M.

Life

If the threads in the pattern of life
Just now seem tangled and queer,
To the Master Weaver who planned it
The design is perfectly clear.

For as He assembles the colours
He must also choose some that are gray
To make brighter the blue and the golden
Of a happier, sunnier day.

—M. J. MOYNES.

Anybody From St. Thomas?

Here is a poem dedicoted to the "Flower City," St. Thomos

O, St. Thomas, I love you
For your Pere Marquette,
But you haven't the fame
That I'd like for you, yet . . . .

O, St. Thomas, I love you
For your Michigan Central,
But these small, two-bit roads—
Well, they're just incidental . . . .

O I know you've got the Wabash
And the N. Y. C.,
The Canadian National and the
Old C. P.

But you'll never really know
Your greatest fame
Until some mighty railroad
Bears your name.

St.Thomas must grow up,
Be strong, be manly—
Let's call it the
London-St. Thomas-and-Port Stanley.

—BERT MILLER, No. 26,
Form I.

Poetry

London Normal School

When forests were thick and homes were logs,
And corduroy roads were laid,
Some time before this century,
Then surely I was made.

With towering steeple full of bats,
And creaking wooden stair,
The students' dreaded monument
Of future long gray hair.

The rundown prison of this town,
To those who enter here,
You scorn and laugh, deride me,
I have my moments dear.

At Hallowe'en and Christmas-time
My halls are bright and gay
With laughter, fun and frolic—
You'll recall some future day.

—LOIS LE FAVE,
Form III.

My Paradise

My paradise is a garden small
That grows behind a wee white wall.
It's filled with flowers of every hue—
Stop in some time; there's one for you.

The pansy, rose and daffodil
For colours rare, I'll always till
Some phlox, verbena, columbine,
Morning glory and trumpet vine.

Blue and neat in my wee plot
Grows the sweet forget-me-not;
The gladiolus blossoms proud,
And zinnias bloom with colours loud.

In closing now please let me say,
When I'm alone, if by chance I may,
To have you come and sit a spell,
To chat with me when all is well.

—BETTY J. COWELL.

The Immortal Artist

Yonder grows the full-blown rose
And yonder strolls the cattle;
'Neath our feet the green grass grows
And overhead birds prattle.

Dame Nature has before us spread,
In resplendent red and yellow,
A carpet that is Nature's bed
Of colours soft and mellow.

No artist could create
So beautiful a picture,
Nor could he clearly duplicate
Regardless of his mixture.

—G. A. BROAD.

Class Of '47

There's a harrowing tale that we have been told
Of student teachers in days of old,
Glued to one spot or dashing about
Annoying critics by forgetting to shout.

But this year's crop is not like that;
They teach a lesson at the drop of a hat.
Intriguing materials, concrete and fact
In arms and in head no doubt are packed.

By London Street Railway or L. & P.S.
(The destination of which you can easily guess),
On Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday morn,
The students of London Normal are borne.

To practice schools where from wall to wall
The critic teachers their praises call.
As for criticisms, they receive but few.
I wonder just whom I am kidding—you?

—ETHEL KING,
Form III.

My First Lesson

Joy, fear and peculiar feeling of great importance mingled together as I received my first assignment sheet. At that I was going to do what I really wanted to do. With trembling, clumsy fingers I took the sheet extended to me by the critic teacher. It was a mathematic lesson on time measurement. This I saw at first glance.

All week-end it dwelt in my mind; I turned it over and over until I was sure I was thoroughly acquainted with it. Aided by Morton and several other good reference books I began to form slowly a pattern of what had to be done.

Monday night the great work began to take shape on paper; every heading, topic and sub-topic was carefully worked out until it began to form a unit. Tuesday night I finished, polished and made out the final completed lesson plan. "What a masterpiece!" I thought. Now to learn it; that took hours, but I finally had every question down pat.

At last the fatal day dawned, bright and clear; the morning passed all too quickly. At noon I hastily gulped my dinner, collected myself and all my concrete materials and rushed to the practice school. Seat work was put on the blackboards and all went fine till the bell rang. Suddenly I had the strangest feeling in the pit of my stomach; my hands began to sweat as I furiously scanned my lesson plan for the last time. Then everyone was in his place and the critic teacher prepared to introduce me. I was sure I just couldn't get off that chair or I'd fall flat on my face. My heart was beating so furiously and loudly that I looked around anxiously to see if the students and children near me could hear it too. But no, there were no terrified or scornful expressions as I had expected; instead I saw happy, smiling faces, and from them I drew enough strength and enccuragement to get on my feet and, without staggering or tripping, make my solitary way to the front. As I turned and dimly saw the rows of eager, expectant faces, I had the greatest urge to make a desperate lunge for that door; but I couldn't, so I smiled as best I could and bid them good afternoon.

Suddenly it dawned upon me; these children were my friends, not enemies ready to pull me apart and cruelly ridicule me. What a relief! Now I knew I could go on and really put that lesson across!

—JEAN MARTIN.

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My Boarding House

"Is this your first boording house?" my friend osked. "Yes, let me tell you about it," I replied. This is whot I soid:

It wos a very groy Sundoy ofternoon when we arrived at 72 ——— St. This, my first boording house, presented itself before me. It was a little stucco bungalow with a slight leoning towards the windword side. My future roommate ond I mounted the steps of our new home ond knocked timidly ot the door.

A neotly dressed gray-hoired womon opened the door ond ushered us in. I wolked brovely forword but stopped just in time to catch my breath because there sat "George Formby of London, Ontario." This wos Mr. Blank, the owner of our new home. My first impression of him wos not far wrong, either, for when he opened his mouth the "cockney-English" popped out and we secretly think that he hos a mandolin hidden owoy behind the fruit cellar down-stairs. He spends o great deol of time there, onyway.

Our room was found just "off" the dining-room — o little four-foot box would be more occurate. I won't say we haven't enough furniture, but it is just thot there isn't room for both the furniture ond us.

The house itself was quite modest but cleon, and we decided we would spend our year there.

Saturday morning is our big day. My roommate and I stumble down the basement steps loaded with soiled clothes. The next procedure is to pile up boxes on which we have to set o large iron tub. Two rubber hoses pour forth hot and cold water. The hot woter deserves a little more explanation. With our sweetest smiles and most charming monners we go forth to "beard" our landlady. If we are lucky enough to find her in o generous mood we may light the water heater and do our woshing. Woshing also includes the hair. Did you ever try to wosh your hoir standing on tip-toe with your head in o tub of water which will tip at the slightest provocation? This would discourage the cleanest of people. The both-tub situation is even worse. Oh yes, there is a perfectly modern both-tub, but you usually like hot water when filling it. To ask for the privilege of turning on the hot woter twice o week might prove dongerous, perhaps fatal.

The food ot our boording-house is very good. Our only complaint is the fried eggs which oppear on the luncheon menu Monday to Sunday. They used to be quite o fovourite dish of mine.

Do you think you would like to live ot our bcarding-house? Yes, it could be worse, but give me a home, with a big bedroom, hot running woter, no fried eggs and, of course, no "George Formby."

—JEAN LITTLE.

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Second Row—Bill Gormley.

Absent—Lloyd Clark, Helen Gotes, Jeon Stothers.

First Term Student Parliament

Immediately upon its election to office, the First Term Student Parliament was faced with the problem of drawing up the budget for the year. With this completed, the Student Parliament then set to work to select the nominees for the Year Book executive, from which the present staff was duly elected.

At Christmas, the Student Parliament sponsored the exchange of gifts at the Christmas Tree. These gifts were afterwards collected, and the tree and gifts were taken by a delegation of students to the Thomas Alway Home for Children.

The First Term Student Parliament wishes to extend to the students of the London Normal School its grateful thanks for their co-operation during its term in office, and extends its best wishes for the years to come. While you travel through life, always remember, "Give unto the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

—E. M. SAUNDERS,
Secretary Student Parliament,
Form I.

Second Term Student Parliament

January ushered into being a new year, 1947, and a new term at the London Normal School. The first business to arise was that of electing a new executive for the Student Parliament.

The second term of the school year got under way with a well-rounded programme of activities, in which every student was engaged in some measure. A Glee Club was organized and a Junior Red Cross Society. Plans were made for the Graduation Banquet and Dance which was held on the twelfth of May.

As a member of the Executive, may I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Student Body for their support and co-operation. To the Graduates of '47 we say, "May all your endeavours be crowned with success and much happiness."

—IRLA TELFER,
Secretary Student Parliament,
Form IV.

First Term Literary Society

The nominations were over! The bewildered candidates had not the slightest inkling of what lay ahead of them should they be the honoured few.

John Abraham, president; William Gormley, vice-president; Frank Lilliman, treasurer, and Nola Kruegar, secretary, formed the executive. Knowing they had an important duty to fulfil, they eagerly set to work with the following aims in mind: to organize a society which should be educational and entertaining; to promote and foster a friendly atmosphere among students; to give training in organizing a society which may be carried out in the schools next year.

Why did everyone look forward with eager anticipation to Friday afternoons? The answer is quite evident. That was the time allotted to our Literary Meetings. The great variety of programmes presented by various forms very adequately displayed the talents of the students.

The Literary Society, among other things, made arrangements for the school to attend the picture "King Henry V" at the Elmwood Theatre. The outstanding event sponsored, however, was the Christmas Party. The programme, consisting of a play, "The Littlest Shepherd," the beautiful carol singing and Santa's short but welcome visit, very amply developed the desired Christmas spirit. This was followed by dancing and refreshments.

It is the wish of the members of the Literary Society to extend a vote of thanks to the student body as a whole for the splendid support and co-operation shown during their term of office.

—NOLA KRUEGAR,
Form III.

Second Term Literary Society

With the usual enthusiastic elections, the second eventful term of the Literary Society opened.

Each form contributed its talents to the programmes. These proved to be very pleasurable to the audience and furnished valuable experience to the participants.

During this term the students, instead of the masters, criticized the programmes. Their criticisms were all favourable, especially on one occasion when Form II. put on a one-act operetta entitled "The Nifty Shop". Its perfection was attained by continual practice plus that intangible thing called "Form Spirit".

Such themes as "A School Day", "History of L. N. S.", "The Sea" and "The Highway" are ample proof that the programmes were varied and colourful.

Before every programme the procedure of the meeting was handled smoothly and efficiently by our president, Miss Beth Gailey, ably assisted by Miss Donna Lamont.

Whenever the strains of "London Normal School" are heard in the future, surely all the old memories of those illuminating programmes will come flooding back into our consciousness.

—PAT TOWNSHEND,
Form IV.

MEN'S ATHLETIC SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

First Term—Charles Raberts, Secretary-Treasurer; David Nixon, President; Mr. C. P. O'Neill, Hanarary President; Tim Lester, Vice-President.

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First Term — Virginia Sanders, Farm Rep.; Martha Maynes, Farm Rep.; Audrey Caaper, Farm Rep.; Una Calder, President; Miss W. R. Prendergast, Hanarary President; Blanche Waites, Secretary-Treasurer.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Miss W. R. Prendergast, Caach; Audrey Caaper, Mary-O Whiteside, Caral Lamb, Martha Maynes, Betty Jean Tawnshend, Lillian Whitehead, Isabelle Turner, Nita Greenly, Aleta Perry, Irlma Campbell, Una Calder, Jasephine La Rosa.



MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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Men's Athletics

The men of L.N.S. took part in sports such as table tennis, soccer and volleyball, but the game which caused the most excitement for both players and fans alike was basketball.

Even before the soccer season ended enthusiasts of the hoop game rallied on the third floor in their spare minutes, starting to limber up for the forthcoming season of sport. As soon as the last soccer game ended, applicants for the L.N.S. basketball team were invited and a regular practice schedule was drawn up.

The team, consisting of David Nixon, Donald McAuley, Lloyd Fulford, Bill Townshend, Douglas Branch, Elgin Thompson, Wayne Brander, Tim Lester, George Broad and Jack Bull, was organized under the capable leadership of David Nixon, who was elected Captain. Fortune favoured the team when Mr. O'Neil consented to coach it, and as a result it became a unified, smooth-running aggregation. This was certainly no easy job for the players, drawn from various collegiates of Western Ontario, varied in both experience and style of playing.

Unfortunately, the team was unable to enter a regular city league, but nevertheless competed in a good number of exhibition games, including tilts with South, Central and Beck Collegiates, London Men Teachers, D.R.A., Western Science '49, Huron College and Hamilton Normal School teams.

All these games were excellent, the L.N.S. team winning a very fair average. Most of the games, especially the home games, were well attended by the student body.

All in all, the season was an excellent one, hard to be improved upon.

—ELGIN S. THOMPSON,
Form I.

Women's Athletic Association

Early in the school year the Women's Athletic Association held their election of officers. An enthusiastic and capable executive was placed in office. Early in the year Miss Scorgie, President-elect, retired from the school and Miss Una Calder, vice-president, assumed the responsibilities. She was ably assisted by Miss Blanche Waites, Secretary-Treasurer.

The first activity of the Athletic Association was the sponsoring of the girls' basketball team. This team, ably coached by Miss Prendergast, went through the year with increasing honours. Martha Moynes, the captain, brought speed and enthusiasm to the team.

Games were played with the girls of the University of Western Ontario and with Central Collegiate. In November, the team journeyed to Hamilton, where they were victorious in a fast and exciting game.

Martha Moynes, Mary-O Whiteside and Isabeblle Turner were the officers of the Association for the spring term. The basketball team continued to add to its laurels. Central Collegiate and University of Western Ontario found the Normal School lassies very stiff opposition. In March a team from Hamilton came to London to settle the score of the preceding autumn, but again London girls came out on top.

The Women's Athletic and Men's Athletic Associations sponsored, jointly, the Valentine's Dance, one of the most successful parties of the school year. The distaff side of the Associations again showed their energy and enthusiasm by providing handsome escorts for most every budding school mam.

IRLMA CAMPBELL,
Form IV.
ISABELLE TURNER,
Form II.

The Stratford "At Home"

On Friday, February 7, 1947, Miss Nola Kruegar and Mr. Alex. McColl, representing the London Normal School, had the pleasure of attending the annual "At Home" of the Stratford Normal School.

On arriving in Stratford Miss Kruegar and Mr. McColl were met by Miss Stewart, Secretary of the Literary Society, and Mr. Billo, President of the Men's Athletic Association. At the school they were welcomed by a reception committee headed by the principal, Dr. Bowers, and Mrs. Bowers; the President of the Literary Society, Mr. John Goman, and Mrs. Goman.

The programme was given in the gaily-decorated Assembly Hall before five hundred students and their guests. The Glee Club gave several selections and the Dramatic Club presented a one-act comedy. After the programme, dancing was the order of the evening. During the evening refreshments were served by students of the Home Economics Department.

ALEX. McCOLL,
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LUNCH CLUB EXECUTIVE

Jean Stothers, Vice-Pres.; Miss Grace Conaver, Caunsellor and Advisar; Jahn Abraham, Sec.-Treas. Absent: Mary-O Whiteside, Pres.

The Glee Club

In spite of its late beginning in this school year, the London Normal School Glee Club enjoyed the most enthusiastic participation of the student body. In February, a directing body was elected, with William Gormley, president; Helen Gates, secretary; Margaret Van Tilborg, director; Erla Telfer and Laurel Laughlin, pianists; Lloyd Clark, in charge of music and property, and John Abraham, Lorne Hooper, Marion Ellis, Margaret Chortos, Jean Little, June McDonald, Betty Townshend and Lillian Whitehead as form representatives.

Under the dynamic leadership of Miss McIlroy, the choir performed "The Childe Jesus," a Christmas cantata, for the last Literary Society programme of 1946. The second appearance of the Glee Club at the Inter-Normal meet on March 21, when Hamilton Normal School visited us. Miss Van Tilborg was our capable conductor. Selections given were "The More We Are Together," "Home On the Range," "Beautiful Dreamer," "The Desert Song" and "The Riff Song" from Romberg's operetta "The Desert Song."

—MARGARET CHORTOS,
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The Puppet Show

When the staff and students of the Hamilton Normal School visited London, fifteen girls presented a novel puppet show. This was directed by Miss Emery and the puppets came to life in the Art Room on the top floor.

Three little plays were dramatized — Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rumple-Stil Skin. The little characters had come to life.

First the puppet heads were made, with faces resembling Cinderella, the cruel sisters, Prince Charming, the wicked Giant, Jack, and his poor Mother, and all the other Fairy Tale folk. The faces were modelled in clay and the features were carefully portrayed. Soon the stage was filled with a procession of weird Fairy Tale creatures. Cinderella and the other charming heroines were clothed in handsome costumes designed and made by the students. The wicked Giant was so wicked looking and the cruel sisters were very cruel looking. The puppets had to act and they had to talk, so their owners had to spend hours of practice in training their puppet proteges.

Each little creature has a fascination of his own, some are beautiful, some are ugly, some are happy, some are sad. They must convince the audience that they are real little people. To give reality to the dramas, Mr. Ray Elgie of Form I. designed a make-believe stage.

—JOSEPHINE LA ROSA,
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The Valentine Dance

(Sponsored by the Athletic Association)

On the eve of St. Valentine's Day, the London Normal School was a beehive of activity as the guests from the University of Western Ontario and Huron College had arrived and the annual Valentine Party was underway. In the music room. decorated in the traditional Valentine colours, we danced to the music of leading orchestras (on records, of course). Refreshments were served in the sewing room and on this occasion it was hardly recognizable as the same room where we had worked on stuffed animals and pot-holders. Now each table looked lovely with its white cloth and red trimmings, especially the serving table, piled high with cake and cokes.

—J. JOHNSTON,
Form III.

The Square Dancing Parties

"Allemande left to the corners all,
Allemande right around the hall."

This was the cry every Thursday night as the students swarmed into the gymnasium. To overcome the shortage of records, Lillian Whitehead, Donna Lamont, Margaret Van Tilborg and Bill Gormley took turns at the ivories, while Camille Whelpton fiddled. At the mike giving directions to put us through our paces were Miss Prendergast, John Abraham, Bill Gormley, Lloyd Clark and Alex. McColl.

We were honoured to have as guests and participants Mr. Pickles and his pupils from S. S. 5, Westminster, Stuart Lunn, Mr. Clarke, Mr. David Burns, Physical Instructor of Toronto and Hamilton Normal Schools (who called off reels and showed us some Scottish dances), and Louis Flannigan, violinist.

—NITA GREENLY.

Smiles

On my final Thursday afternoon at St. George's School, a little fellow came up to bid me a fair farewell. His closing remark was: "Miss Webster, I think you will be a very good teacher when you grow up!"

—VIRGINIA WEBSTER, Form IV.

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Mr. O'Neill: "Name two pronouns."

Miss Whelpton: "Who, me?"

—ELAINE MURRAY, Form IV.

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Mr. O'Neill: "What is one by-product of cattle raising?"

Evelyn Awrey: "Calves."

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John Abraham: "Does the moon affect the tide?"

Dazzling Brunette: "No, only the untied."

Miss Vivier had been dreamily staring into space while Mr. Roberts had been printing on the blackboard.

Mr. Roberts: "Miss Vivier! Board!"

Miss Vivier: "Yes, very bored."

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Landlady: "I'll give you just three days to pay your board."

Student: "All right, I'll pick the first of July, Christmas and Easter."

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Mr. Roberts: "Miss Stothers, you're ten minutes late again. Don't you know at what time we begin work here?"

Miss Stothers (sleepily): "No, they're always started when I get here."

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Master: "Name a good time-saver."

Student: "Love at first sight."

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Men's Ping Pong Tournament

The tournament was held in the early part of our first term of school. Arrangements and schedules were made and drawn up by two of our very capable men, Bert Miller and Bill Townshend.

The schedule was of the elimination type with the whole class of men participating. The first round was fast and furious, with many upsets, and some real ping pong players were brought to light. As the smoke cleared after the second round, which was every bit as exciting as the first, there emerged four winners: Lloyd Fulford, Bill Townshend, Lloyd Clark and George Broad. During the second round some very stiff opposition was tendered by Bert Miller and Lee Mitchell. However, they succumbed and tasted the bitter dregs of defeat to join the ranks of the watchful gallery. As the field entered the stretch we found Lloyd Fulford pitted against Bill Townshend and Lloyd Clark matched with George Broad. After many slashing forehands, quick spinning backhand shots, and mean little trick shots, we found Lloyd Fulford and George Broad victorious, all set to do or die for the honour of being the ping pong champion of L. N. S. The exciting day arrived; the two finalists were present all arrayed for battle. They squared off and the final series (best four out of seven games) was under way.

Play see-sawed first one way, then the other, but at last Lloyd Fulford, the dark horse, was victorious and stood as champion of the school. The tournament was enjoyed by all and without a word of a doubt it was a most successful venture.

—T. K. LESTER,
Form I.

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The Red Cross

This book would not be complete without giving due regard to our Red Cross Organization and the activities which were carried on throughout the entire year.

Each form had its own representatives, who transacted the business for the form, under the competent supervision of Miss Conover. Each form had its own Red Cross Society and thus the students learned the organization of the Society. This gave a training which many of the students will use when they go to their own schools.

The chief work undertaken by the students in the Red Cross were the making of babies' layettes by the women students, and the knitting of a woollen afghan by the men students. These articles were sent to Apeldoorn, Holland.

—ELSIE DE SMET,
Form II.

Who Plants A Tree?

On May 5th, 1947, at the hour of 4 p.m., the students and staff of the London Normal School assembled on the front lawn. The occasion was the planting of a Paul's Thorn tree in recognition of the long and valued service rendered by Mr. A. F. Hagerman as instructor in Manual Training in Ontario. This service extended over a period of half a century, thirty-eight years of which were in the service of the Department of Education, of this Province.

The ceremony connected with the planting of this tree was under the direction of Mr. Bert Miller, president of the Student Parliament. At the hour announced Mr. Hagerman, unaware of the proceedings, was escorted to the grounds by Mr. Miller, and was forthwith given a shovel and asked to plant the tree. But he had gone but a short way in carrying out this request when Miss De Smet, escorted by Mr. Lilliman and Mr. Gormley, stepped from the student body and read an illuminated address expressing the appreciation of the students for Mr. Hagerman's valued services and dedicating the tree to his memory. This dedication was symbolized by one student from each of the four forms contributing a shovelful of earth to the planting. Then followed the choral reading by a group of students of the poem "Who Plants a Tree?" by Bunner. The ceremony was concluded with three rousing cheers for Mr. Hagerman and the singing of the Normal School song.

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Crystal Gazing

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In June 1945 a class of one hundred and two students went out to join the noble army of Ontario school teachers. After a year in the field, here is a report from ninety-five of them who were still able to hold a pen and write their year's history. Eighty-five were hard at work teaching. Seven had left the teaching profession and had joined that noble army of housewives educating a husband in Social Studies and the Arts. Fourteen reported they were engaged—and this does not mean by a school board. They are putting other things into their hope chests besides their Normal School note books. One of the young gentlemen reports that he is "still looking". For what, he does not say, but anyone can get him on the long distance, Tillsonburg. One student decided that she should explore the Northwest Passage. so she drifted westward to Edmonton. Ruth Scott has decided to give up teaching and has gone into Social Service work.

It is with deep regret that we report that one student has passed on. All will remember the happy smile of Madeline Brinn, who died in 1946.

—WILLIAM G. SPEAKE.

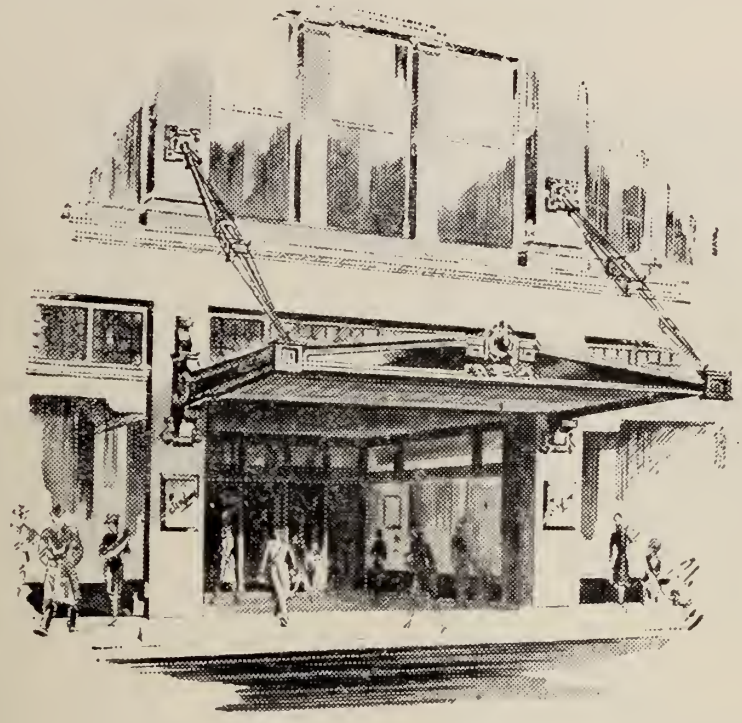
The Banquet

Perhaps the red-letter social event of the Normal School year was held on Monday night, May 12th, when the students assembled for the annual banquet.

The "motif" adopted for the evening was "Maytime," upon which theme the decorations, music, and speeches were centred. The gymnasium was transformed into a gaily beflowered banquet hall, providing a delightful setting for the young ladies in their smart evening gowns.

The dinner itself left little to be desired and was followed by a toast list which gave ample scope to the eloquence of our promising young orators. Mr. Bert Miller officiated very capably as toast-master. Mr. Elgin Thompson proposed the toast to "Our Guests," with which were coupled representatives from Stratford and Toronto. Misses Ethel Bedford and Shirley Hawkins were associated with the toast to "Maytime," while Miss Irla Telfer responded to the toast to the "Class of 1947" offered by the Principal. Interspersed throughout the speeches were a chorus by the Glee Club, a Russian waltz by three couples, and a vocal duet—all enthusiastically received. The special guest speaker was Prof. Adrian Macdonald of the Ontario College of Education, who spoke on "Teacher Training of the Past and the Teacher's Status in the Future," mingling in his characteristic way the humourous and the serious aspects of his topic.

After singing the School song, "London Normal School," the company adjourned to the lower floor and spent the remainder of the evening enjoying a dance programme.



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